

Mental Health Local Advisory Council

March 9, 2009 – Minutes

In attendance: Council members: Chairman Jacob Wagner, Shelly Johnson, Sally Miller, Lori Marchak, Scott Malloy, Jan Bjork, Charlotte Kress, Carolyn Robinson, Jerry Johnson, Tom Peluso, Stephanie Nelson, and John Watson ; Advocacy Members, Eric Bryson (City Commissioner), Betsy Garrigues (KMA), Shelly Heilweil, Leslie Carson (MMHA), Jana Lehman (MMHA), Andrea Lower (Court Services), Dennis Cox, (AMDD), (Open Arms Drop-In Center).

(**Note:** Please check to see the council member status of Watson, Bryson as per last minutes).

Public Comment. Mr. Watson reported on the Drop In Center and thanked the Central Service Authority for DRA workbooks and books. According to Dan Ladd's report the Bozeman numbers surpassed HUB in DRA participation. Numbers included a high of 18, an average of 8-18 with 350-380 per month total participants. It was noted that the Drop-In Center was not taking away support from other providers. The Hope House and Drop-In Center interaction was positive. The biggest complaint was that the center is not open on Sunday. The reason is the inability to staff it with current resources. L. Marchak moved to accept the report. J. Watson seconded. Vote unanimous. Report Attached. **Per the request of Dennis Cox, AMDD, at the 4/13/09 meeting, the minutes are modified to note that AMDD, with Mr. Cox as their designee, is the manager of the Drop-In Center grant.

Legislative Update. House approved the Transportation Bill. Financial and Systems piece is done, but How-To's still under discussion. Inclusion of medical people and third party billing still being worked on. Situation will be monitored. Anita Roessman will be writing and asking us to support remaining actions,. A candidate for commitment to the state hospital can be committed to a local facility if available, for voluntary 14 days. A billing source can be accessed. House Bill 2A is subject to emergency funds. A demonstration grant: data to be collected for evaluation. All three

crisis bills still in process. State Hospital Census over 200: 103%-105% capacity.

Priority Table.

CIT Grant submitted. **LAC** approved CSAA money. **MMHA** – Warm Line has received 3000-5000 calls. **KMA** is expecting some cut. **CHIP** is still up in the air. **WRAP** Services Training became a provider. All issues still pending. House Bill 111 tabled with 200% poverty in jeopardy. Everything is on hold pending receipt of Federal/Stimulus Package. **Co-Occurring** - Shelly Johnson testified re: Residential Treatment, general fund hearing. **CIT** added. **Board of Health** Prevention Alliance for Suicide active, data being collected. Guide to Services for the county is being updated. **S Nelson** gave contact info and asked that we look at the resource guided to give feedback. [www.gallatin.mt.gov/health, 582-3100, steph.nelson@gallatin.mt.gov] It was suggested that the category of Communication/Public Outreach be added to the table. **Mental Health Campus** T. Peluso reported that the utilities contract had been let to Sime. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for 3/10. Statement of qualifications for Construction has been completed and interviews conducted. Rotherham of Bozeman was selected and will work with the architect. Construction to begin in April or May with Delivery Date 12/20/10. **New Group Home** in planning stage for January 2010 reported by Scott Malloy.

Attendance. Attendance will be reported. Please contact Glenda if you are not going to be at the meetings. Excused absences accepted, but must be reported.

By-Laws. Copies of By-laws requested for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Miller, Substitute Recorder

Dan,

I wanted to e-mail you my thoughts on why Open Arms Drop-In Center's numbers are so high and growing. You got me thinking on the way home from CSAA last week. Some of the reasons are concrete others we can't measure.

1. We have a very active D.R.A. Group. That means working the steps with clients and follow up on everyone if they don't show after two days. This is 8 to 18 people per day, six days a week.

2. I run a Panic & Anxiety Group every Tues. 6 to 12 people weekly. This is just not sitting around and talk. We take real problems and address them.

3. Walk in consults. These are people that need to talk to a Peer Support person. Not a Doctor or Therapist. They want a Peer someone that's been there. No count. I'm guessing I do at least 6-8 per day. This does not include my other 2 part time specialists.

4. NAMI Group every Thursday, 6-8 every week.

5. Free hair cuts every Fri. 4-8 every week.

6. Music jam, every Tues. 4-8 people every week.

7. MSU Nurse every Tues. No count

8. Women's Group every Fri. 4-8 every week

9. Peer to peer on going through out the day. They don't even know it's going on. No Count.

Other reasons but can't be measured.

1. Phone calls to anyone that we have not seen in 2 days or longer. You don't know what a kick this means to them. It might be the only phone call they get that week.

2. No other competition in town.

③ The complete help and support from Doctors, Therapist and Case Manager's at WMMH and all others in town. This is huge!

4. A strong Volunteer Group that is trained this is a job and are held to those expectations.

5. A staff that has been taught that they must meet & greet someone new within 3 minutes of walking through the door and make a positive impression or you will loose them.

6. Open hours. Mon-Fri. 9 to 6pm. Sat. 10-4pm. Biggest complaint I get is were not open Sundays.

Dan, I'm sure I could go on and on but after listing all these, I'm surprised the numbers are not higher. I wanted to give you some ammunition for the next time you're asked.

Thanks for your support

John Watson

ATTENDANCE RECORD

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